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E-Legislative Update

March 14 - 20, 2011



We are in the tenth week of the legislative session. You can [contact your legislator](#) making your position on a bill known. You can do so by writing a letter, sending an e-mail, calling the legislator's Olympia office, or by calling the Legislative Hotline at 1-800-562-6000.

Because the state budget is an overarching issue, the Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs will provide updates on important milestones in budget development as well as focus on bills that impact the Asian American and Pacific Islander community in the areas of education, health care, human services, economic development, and immigration. To learn more about the current budget, you can attend the House Ways & Means and Senate Finance Committee Hearings.

The Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs will be providing information weekly through our e-legislative update and website on committee hearings, bills, and other events of interest throughout the legislative session. Our e-legislative update provides a general overview highlighting a few bills of interest to the community while our website hosts a more extensive list of bills utilizing a [bill tracking](#) feature for those community members seeking more information. Highlights from the previous week can be viewed on [TVW's](#) Legislative Review.

You may also access our [policy briefing papers](#) which examine issues facing the Asian American and Pacific Islander community. This week's [featured brief](#) is on the *"Cost of Asian American & Pacific Islander Uninsured Workers in Washington."*

Special Highlights: An important budget forecast will be heard this month having an impact on the development of the 2011-2013 biennial operating budget. On March 17th, the state revenue forecast will be presented. A biennial budget proposal by the House of Representatives is expected shortly afterwards. The reality of the fiscal picture appears grim. The state may have a deficit of an additional 70 million for the current budget that ends on June 30th, and another 500 million to 1.5 billion deficit in the 2011-2013 biennial budget. This may bring the total deficit for 2011-13 closer to 5 billion. It is anticipated that the budget will be primarily an all cuts budget. Some areas, such as the environment and higher education, can raise fees, but most areas do not have that option.

Below are some scheduled meetings and hearings that might be of interest to you.

Education

Early Learning & K-12 Education

3/14/11 1:30 pm

Senate Full Committee
Senate Hearing Rm 1
J.A. Cherberg Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing: [HB 1412](#) - Regarding mathematics end-of-course assessments.

Ways & Means

3/14/11 3:30 pm

House Full Committee
House Hearing Rm A
John L. O'Brien Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing: [SHB 1965](#) - Concerning adverse childhood experiences.

Higher Education

3/16/11 8:00 am

House Full Committee
House Hearing Rm D
John L. O'Brien Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing: [SSB 5749](#) - Regarding the Washington advanced college tuition payment (GET) program.

Early Learning & K-12 Education

3/16/11 8:00 am

Senate Full Committee
Senate Hearing Rm 1
J.A. Cherberg Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing:

1. [ESHB 1849](#) - Establishing the Washington state education council.
2. [E2SHB 1443](#) - Concerning continuing education reforms, including implementing recommendations of the quality education council.

Higher Education & Workforce Development

3/16/11 1:30 pm

Senate Full Committee
Senate Hearing Rm 3
J.A. Cherberg Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing: [SHB 1650](#) - Changing state need grant eligibility provisions.

Education

3/17/11 8:00 am

House Full Committee
House Hearing Rm A
John L. O'Brien Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing:

1. [SSB 5184](#) - Regarding compliance reports for second-class school districts.
2. [SSB 5392](#) - Including technology as a stated educational core concept and principle.
3. [2SSB 5427](#) - Regarding an assessment of students in state-funded full-day kindergarten classrooms.

Higher Education

3/17/11 10:00 am

House Full Committee
House Hearing Rm D
John L. O'Brien Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing: [SSB 5442](#) - Requiring the development of three-year baccalaureate programs.

Early Learning & K-12 Education

3/17/11 1:30 pm

Senate Full Committee
Senate Hearing Rm 1
J.A. Cherberg Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing: [2SHB 1163](#) - Creating a work group on preventing bullying, intimidation, and harassment and increasing student knowledge on mental health and youth suicide.

Health and Human Services

Health & Long-Term Care

3/14/11 1:30 pm

Senate Full Committee
Senate Hearing Rm 4
J.A. Cherberg Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing:

1. [ESHB 1740](#) - Establishing a health benefit exchange.
2. [SHB 1560](#) - Concerning the health insurance partnership.
3. [ESHB 1311](#) - Improving health care in the state using evidence-based care.

Health Care & Wellness

3/17/11 10:00 am

House Full Committee
House Hearing Rm B
John L. O'Brien Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing:

1. [ESSB 5122](#) - Making the necessary changes for implementation of the affordable care act in Washington state.
 2. [ESSB 5371](#) - Addressing the needs for health insurance coverage for persons under age nineteen.
 3. [SSB 5445](#) - Establishing a health benefit exchange.
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Immigration

Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness

3/16/11 1:30 pm

House Full Committee
House Hearing Rm D
John L. O'Brien Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing: [SSB 5546](#) - Concerning the crime of human trafficking.

Information is current as of: March 10, 2011.

To find out more information on a particular bill, please visit <http://www.leg.wa.gov>.

CAPAA was established by the state legislature in 1974 to improve the well-being of Asian Pacific Americans (APAs) by insuring their access to participation in the fields of government, business, education, and other areas. It has a board made up of 12-governor appointed members that represent the diverse APA communities of Washington State.

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